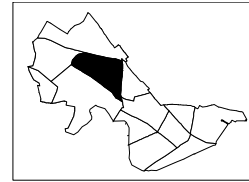


# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

## PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION:** 11,794 residents  
5,208 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	17	11	30	22	28
Street Robbery	4	2	1	7	5
Auto Theft	18	20	10	13	23
Larceny from MVs	28	36	22	20	43
Malicious Destruction	28	55	55	30	50
Drug Incidents	3	6	0	2	5

#### 2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

**Housebreaks** increased slightly when compared to 2003 numbers over the same time period. Chauncy St. saw the greatest number of breaks with seven reported. These all occurred between February and May. Twelve breaks took place on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Targeted items in breaks included jewelry, electronics such as cameras and DVD players, and laptops. • The largest increase in crime for Peabody was **larcenies from motor vehicle (LMVs)**, which resulted in 43 as compared to 20 last year. Sixteen motor vehicles were entered through a broken window. Thirteen tires were stolen from five vehicles. • Only one crime, **street robberies** dropped in 2004 (five) over the first sixth months as compared to 2003 (seven). Each robbery involved a knife being shown. In the only incident where violence was used, the victim was hit over the head with a hatchet. Two robberies took place on the same night in early January by the same group of suspects. • There were 10 more **auto thefts** in the first six months of 2004 compared with the same time period last year. Fifteen vehicles were later recovered, 7 in Cambridge, 4 in Boston and 4 in surrounding cities. Two recoveries led to an arrest, both in Boston. Older model Hondas and Acuras, were the most commonly stolen vehicle. • Twenty-four acts of **malicious destruction** targeted motor vehicles. Fourteen incidents involved acts of graffiti on buildings, walls and street signs. • Five **drug incidents** led to 6 arrests, 5 for marijuana and 1 for drug paraphernalia possession. Three of these individuals were arrested in Cambridge Common in June.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES					
<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981-1990</i>	<i>Rank '81-'90*</i>	<i>1991-2002</i>	<i>Rank '91-'02*</i>	<i>Rank 2003*</i>
Housebreaks	150	3	52	5	3
Street Robbery	21	6	13	8	7
Auto Theft	94	8	42	8	9
Larceny from MVs	74	8	64	6	7
Malicious Destruction	135	2	78	7	6

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area.

